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NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT


1. The reply filed on 10/30/02, Paper No. 15, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not selected a specific blocking moiety. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Note: It is duly noted that Applicant has not identified a single disclosed species for search purposes. In particular, Applicant has not identified a single specifically disclosed peptide species. In the complex having a chelator comprising a metal a linking group and a blocking group, Applicant has identified the components as follows: chelator (and metal) → DOTA/Gd III complex; linking group → alkyl group; and blocking moiety → peptide. Thus, what specific peptide has Applicant elected as the blocking moiety since Applicant did not elect any of the groups containing peptide blocking moieties from the restriction requirement? As a result, it is unclear what peptide is Applicant's blocking moiety.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (703) 308-4640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (alternate Mon.), 6:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m..

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